

In the Claims:

A complete listing of all claims pending, amended and canceled is included as follows:

1. (currently amended) A protective flashlight case in which to removably enclose for sealingly enclosing a flashlight having a key ring extension portion ~~therein and for attaching the case to a support~~, the case comprising:

 a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

 the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge and defining a first opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the first opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

 a second body portion having ~~a an~~ a forward end and a rearward end;

 the second body portion having ~~a an~~ an integrally formed continuous side wall with a ~~second~~ first sealing edge and defining a second opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the second opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

 the first and second sealing edges configured to releasably mate and form a water resistant seal while mated so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight and define a sealed opening therethrough adjacent the rearward end;

~~the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight; and~~

~~the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support.~~

2. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the sealed opening has a hollow portion is generally triangularly shaped cross-section in shape.

3. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein at least one of the forward ends of the first and second body portions defines~~include~~ a protuberance configured to ~~accommodate~~contain the a light source of the flashlight.

4. (canceled) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 where the first and second body portions, when placed in facing engagement, form a waterproof enclosure adapted to enclose the flashlight.

5. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 further ~~including an~~ defining another opening having a sealing element, disposed in one of the body portions, configured to permit a user to directly activate a switch button of the flashlight while maintaining the water resistant seal ~~engage and sealing contact a switch button of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.~~

6. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening includes a beveled edge to facilitate ~~forming~~ maintaining the water resistant ~~a water tight seal of the flashlight case around the switch.~~

7. (canceled) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening forms a waterproof seal with the switch, the switch being exposed through the opening to facilitate depression thereof by a user.

8. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening has a circular cross-section ~~is circular in shape.~~

9. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of a high-impact plastic material.

10. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of a ~~waterproof~~ water resistant material.

11. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of transparent, colorless materials.

12. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein at least one of the body portions are made of a transparent, colored material.

13. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 further including a mounting clip integrally formed on at least one of the first and second body portions.

14. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 13 wherein the mounting clip is generally U-shaped.

15. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 11 wherein a panel portion of the flashlight enclosed within the case is visible through the transparent material of the case.

16. (original) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 15 wherein designs, graphics, insignia, indicia, and/or colors of the panel portion of the flashlight are visible through the case.

17. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 13 wherein the mounting clip is configured to ~~grasp~~ be attached to an article of clothing.

18. (currently amended) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 including a slot defined in at least one of ~~wherein the rearward ends of the body portions include a slot to~~ facilitate separating the body portions when mated.

19. (currently amended) A protective flashlight case in which to removably enclose~~for sealingly enclosing~~ a flashlight having a key ring extension portion ~~therein and for attaching the case to a support~~, the case comprising:

a first body portion, made of plastic, having a forward end and a rearward end;

the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge and defining a first opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the first opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

a second body portion, made of plastic, having a forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a ~~second~~ first sealing edge and defining a second opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the second opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

the first and second sealing edges configured to releasably mate and form a water resistant seal while mated so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight and define a sealed opening therethrough adjacent the rearward ends;

~~the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight;~~

~~the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support; and~~

at least one of the forward ends of the first and second body portions defines~~including a~~ protuberance configured to contain the~~accommodate~~ a light source of a~~the~~ flashlight.

20. (currently amended) A protective flashlight case in which to removably enclose~~for sealingly enclosing~~ a flashlight having a key ring extension portion ~~therein and for attaching the case to a support~~, the case comprising:

a first body portion, made of plastic, having a forward end and a rearward end;

the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge and defining a first opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the second opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

a second body portion, made of plastic, having a forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a ~~second~~ first sealing edge and defining a second opening having a second sealing edge thereabout, the second opening defined adjacent the rearward end;

the first and second sealing edges configured to releasably mate and form a water resistant seal while mated so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight and define a sealed opening therethrough adjacent the rearward end;

~~the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight;~~

~~the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support; and~~

~~another~~ an opening having a sealing element disposed in one of the body portions configured to permit a user to directly activate the flashlight while maintaining the water resistant seal ~~engage and sealing contact a switch of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.~~

21. (currently amended) A protective flashlight case in which to removably enclose~~for sealingly enclosing~~ a flashlight, the case comprising:

a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge;

a second body portion having ~~an~~ a forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having ~~a~~ an integrally formed continuous side wall with a second sealing edge;

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the first and second sealing edges configured to releasably mate and form a water resistant seal while mated so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight; and

an opening, having a sealing element, defined~~disposed~~ in one of the body portions, the opening configured to permit a user to directly activate the flashlight while maintaining the water resistant seal of the first and second sealing edges~~engage and sealing contact a switch button of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.~~

22. (canceled) The flashlight case in accordance with claim 21 wherein the sealing element of the opening forms opening forms a waterproof seal with the switch, the switch being exposed through the opening to facilitate depression thereof by a user.